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To: Director Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families, US Dept. of Health and Human Services

Ref: The CCDBG Act (42 U.S.C. 9857 *et seq.*); 45 CFR Parts 98 and 99; Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (Pub. L. 116-260).

Subj: Planned Use of CCDF Coronavirus Response and Relief Suppl. Appr. Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds Rpt.

Introduction

Inter-Tribal Council of California, INC., (ITCC) is the lead agency for a Child Care Development Fund consortium, consisting of 11 Federally Recognized Tribes in California. The ITCC CCDF program provides child care subsidies for the tribal members of participating tribes, who are in need of assistance. The ITCC CCDF program supports the professional development of quality Child Care workers.

Part I: Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

ITCC, the CCDF lead agency for 11 Federally Recognized Tribes, participating in the CCDF Consortium, plans to use CRRSA Funds to continue providing Child Care Subsidy Services:

1. Waiving, co-pay for all participating Tribal families, regardless of income level.
2. Will offer Child Care Services to Tribal Essential Workers (health care sector employees, emergency responders, sanitation workers, farm and other food service workers, and other Tribal members, whose work is deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus, without co-pay, and regardless of income level).
 - a. To implement this plan, ITCC intends to send an invitation out to all participating Tribes, indicating that we are offering CCDF Services to members not already receiving child care subsidies from CCDF, for Essential Workers, regardless of their income level.

Part II: Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

ITCC will use CCDF CRRSA funds to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line with CDC guidance.

1. ITCC will provide supplies to all currently employed child care providers with ITCC's CCDF program, to include, but not limited to:
 - a. Masks (Including small masks for kids)
 - b. Gloves (in all sizes)
 - c. Hand Sanitizer

- d. Cleaning Supplies
 - e. UV Light Surface Sanitizing Wand
2. ITCC intends to develop Health and Safety Videos and make available via web-based hosting, including:
 - a. Video for *Child Care Providers* on health and safety measures
 - b. Video for *Children* on appropriate measures they can take to protect themselves through good practices
 - c. Video for *Parents and Families* on health and safety measures they can take to protect their children, family and homes.
 - d. Video for *All Participants* of ITCC's CCDF program, that offers a Traditional, Cultural Perspective on how to cope with stress, fatigue, and loss as a result of the pandemic.

Part III: Grants or Assistance to Stabilize Child Care Providers

1. ITCC intends to use CRRSA Funds to provide a one-time stimulus grant to current ITCC Child Care Providers, to pay for increased operating expenses during the pandemic, and cover loss of revenue during the crisis. The grants will be tiered, supporting:
 - a. Licensed Child Care Facilities
 - b. Licensed Child Care Providers
 - c. Family Member Child Care Providers.

Part IV: Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

ITCC plans to use a portion of the CRRSA funds to provide assistance to CCDF-eligible child care providers not participating in the subsidy system prior to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

1. ITCC will offer a one-time stimulus grant to Licensed Child Care Facilities and Licensed Child Care Providers within the participating Tribe's service area (county).
 - a. Eligibility Requirements for this grant include:
 - i. Submit application for eligibility as an ITCC CCDF Child Care Provider
 - ii. Possess a current State Child Care Facility or Child Care License
 - iii. Provide Child Care within the service area (county) of the Participating Tribes.
 - iv. Not currently receiving CCDF subsidies from ITCC, as lead agency.
 - b. Qualified applicants will be added to ITCC's database of eligible child care providers who can then be recommended to families in need of quality child care.
 - c. Qualified applicants will also be provided access to ITCC's CCDF training videos.

Respectfully submitted,

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